

Immigrant Lepidoptera in mid-Kent, September 1989.

Whilst walking through a field of grass at East Malling, Kent, on 21st September 1989, I was pleasantly surprised to disturb an example of the brown form of the Vestal moth, *Rhodometra sacraria* L. Encouraged by this find, an mv trap was operated at East Malling on subsequent nights. After the night of 26th September, a fine specimen of the pyralid moth *Euchromius ocella* Haw. was noted, at the last moment — its coloration having rendered excellent camouflage against the background of an egg-tray. —D.A. CHAMBERS, 15 Briar Close, Larkfield, Maidstone, Kent ME20 6NA.

***Perizoma blandiata* Schiff. (Lep.: Geometridae) in West Sussex.**

On the night of 2nd August 1989 I was surprised to capture a single specimen of the Pretty Pinion moth, *Perizoma blandiata*, in fresh condition at an mv light operated in a woodland ride near Midhurst in West Sussex. So far as I am aware this is the first time this species has been taken in southern England, though there are several unauthenticated 19th century records, including one for Sussex (Pratt, C., 1981 *A history of the butterflies and moths of Sussex*.)

A visit to the locality on the night of the 8th August failed to produce any further moths and a daytime search of the area failed to locate any *Euphrasia officinalis* (eyebright), the larval foodplant of this species.— J.T. RADFORD, Bramblings, West Walberton Lane, Walberton, Arundel, Sussex BN18 0QS.

***Lozotaeniodes formosanus* Geyer (Lep.: Tortricidae) in Somerset.**

On 2.vii.1989, at Berrow, Somerset (vc6) I was pleased to take a specimen of *L. formosanus* in a Heath trap in the garden.

Bradley, Tremewan and Smith (1973, *British Tortricoid moths* vol. 1) do not include Somerset, although Turner (1955, *Lepidoptera of Somerset*) says “. . . a recently introduced species, which has established itself in some pine woods. Taunton, m.v. 1955”.

Since the publication of *British Tortricoid moths*, this species has extended its range considerably from its original south-eastern distribution, occurring as far north as Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and west to south Devon, Glamorgan (vc41) and Denbigh (vc50), although it has not yet reached the westernmost counties. I am most grateful to Mr E.F. Hancock for his helpful comments on this moth.— B.E. SLADE, 40 Church House Road, Berrow, Somerset TA8 2NQ.

***Plusia putnami gracilis* Lempke and *Agrotis ripae* Hb. (Lep.: Noctuidae) in Ireland.**

On 15th July 1989 I took a specimen of *P. putnami gracilis*, Lempke's Gold Spot, which appears to be the first record for Ireland. The locality was an